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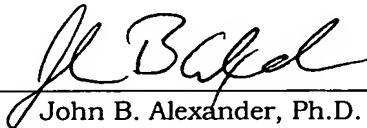
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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO MAINTAIN CO-PENDENCY OF PARENT CASE  
WHEN FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Sir:

This is a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time to extend the period of reply for a total period of one (1) months to November 2, 2001. A copy of the within petition is being filed along with the papers constituting the two (2) concurrently filed Divisional Application.

Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required. As indicated below, please charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for the required fee.

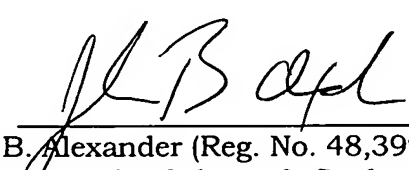
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Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 2, 2001

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